

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 12-14, 17-19, 24, 25, 30, 33-35, 38-40, and 48 are allowable. The restriction requirement among species, as set forth in the Office action mailed on 09/29/2005, has been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a). **The restriction requirement is hereby withdrawn as to any claim that requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.** Claims 3-6, 10, 11, 16, 22, 23, 26-29, 31, 32, 37, 43, and 44, directed to an allowable invention, are no longer withdrawn from consideration because the claim(s) requires all the limitations of an allowable claim. However, claims 45-47 and 49, directed to a non-elected species remain withdrawn from consideration because they do not require all the limitations of an allowable claim.

In view of the above noted withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant is advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application.

Once a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 22 should read as follows:

22. A guide wire of claim [20]1, wherein the angle between the wire strands and the central longitudinal axis is from 15 to 30 degrees.

Claim 23 should read as follows:

23. A guide wire of claim [20]1, wherein the entire core is disposed within the interior of the single coil.

Claims 45-47 and 49 should read as follows: (Cancelled).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-14, 16-19, 22-35, 37-40, 43-44, and 48 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey G. Hoekstra whose telephone number is

(571)272-7232. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Max Hindenburg can be reached on (571)272-4726. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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